

## HIP a unique training program...

HIP is a unique training program which provides opportunities for unskilled adults (18 years and older) to gain skills and learn work habits needed to become successful in a permanent job. Some trainees have obtained careers with the City of Torrance, while others have gained successful placement at other places of employment.

For questions, please call the HIP Supervisor, Shawn Plunkett at (310) 618-2731.



Grab bar installation.

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## *HOME IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HIP)*

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Disability upgrade. Customized wheel chair ramp built to meet homeowners needs.

# The Home Improvement Program (HIP)

**The Home Improvement Program (HIP)** is a unique program which provides training to unskilled adults (18 and over) and provides numerous services to eligible Torrance residents.

## **Services provided through HIP include:**

### **Disability Upgrades for the Home**

- Wheel chair ramps, stair rails, grab bars.

### **Light Plumbing**

- Unclog drains, fix leaky faucets, replace/repair faucets, showerheads and water heaters.

### **Yard Services**

- Clean up and hauling and fence repair.

### **Paint**

- Exterior of homes only (water based paint).

### **Minor Repairs**

- Repair/replace broken windows and screens, repair/replace locks, rodent-proofing, weed abatement, and trash removal.

### **Services NOT provided:**

Hazardous Materials removal - such as asbestos. Major roof repairs; interior painting; and paving. Work on any type of mobile home, manufactured home, trailers or vehicles.

## **Service Priorities:**

Service requests are done in the order received with emergencies, disability modifications, safety and security issues taking priority for Very Low Income applicants first. Yard clean up and painting are lowest priority and are done in order of request received only after emergency requests are completed.

## **To Qualify for the Program:**

Services are available free for qualified applicants.

## **Qualification is based on the following criteria:**

- Applicant must be a senior or disabled owner/occupant of a single family residence within the City limits of Torrance. (Those living in the 90502 zip code and the 90501 zip code east of Western Avenue are considered non-residents.)



**Staircase handrail.**

- Applicants must meet the financial criteria imposed by the Federal Government, Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD). Verification of income must be provided.
- An application must be completed and submitted each calendar year or anytime there is a change in income during the year.

| HUD Income Limit Guidelines FY 2011 |                           |                      |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Household Size                      | Very Low Income (Monthly) | Low Income (Monthly) |
| 1                                   | \$2,492                   | \$3,988              |
| 2                                   | \$2,850                   | \$4,554              |
| 3                                   | \$3,204                   | \$5,125              |
| 4                                   | \$3,558                   | \$5,692              |
| 5                                   | \$3,729                   | \$6,150              |
| 6                                   | \$4,129                   | \$6,604              |
| 7                                   | \$4,413                   | \$7,058              |
| 8                                   | \$4,700                   | \$7,517              |